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herein consists of personal comments and does not represent the official
policies or positions of any party. Your mileage may vary. So there.

Date: Sat, 23 Jul 1994 21:21:50 GMT
From: netnews.upenn.edu!feith1.FEITH.COM!kd3bj!bbsuser@RUTGERS.EDU
Subject: *finally it arrived* (but why no plus?)
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

esj@harvee.billerica.ma.us (Eric S Johansson) writes:

>well, my long awaited renewal arrived today. I'm legal until 7-7-04. however
>since I'm one of those techs that took 5wpm *and* the complete general theory
>to get my ticket, I would have expected something a little different on
>my ticket like a tech+ perhaps. should I try again with a new 610 and
>a nice letter?

>--- eric (still and forever kaleec (unless I change my mind))
>--
>HOME: esj@harvee.billerica.ma.us HAM kaleec
>WORK: esj@temerity.polaroid.com 617.386.4687
>source of the public's fear of the unknown since 1956

Date: Sun, 24 Jul 1994 10:01:47 +0000
From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!swrinde!pipex!demon!kirsta.demon.co.uk!John@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: Alpha Bravo Charlie Delta: phonetic alphabets (revised)
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <30rt9f\$6gl@lyra.csx.cam.ac.uk> Brian.Kelk@cl.cam.ac.uk writes:

>
> Phonetic Alphabets (Alpha Bravo etc)

[interesting collection trimmed...]

> British A:
>
> Amsterdam Baltimore Casablanca Denmark Edison Florida
> Gallipoli Havana Italia Jerusalem Kilogramme Liverpool
> Madagascar New_York Oslo Paris Quebec Roma Santiago Tripoli
> Uppsala Valencia Washington Xantippe Yokohama Zurich
>
> [An 'international' alphabet in a Dutch telephone directory
> has: Danemark. A 'French' alphabet in a Hungarian directory
> has: Cassablanka Danemark Que'bec Upsala Zu"rich]

Interesting - why is this called "British A"? I can't recall ever hearing it in use here.

(I've been off this group (reading this on r.r.a.m) for a while, so apologies if this has already been covered)

73, John.

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John Morris email: John@kirsta.demon.co.uk AX25: GM4ANB@GB7EDN.#77.GBR.EU

Date: Sun, 24 Jul 1994 05:00:30 GMT
From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!agate!library.ucla.edu!csulb.edu!csus.edu!netcom.com!
pineapp@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: Always can use more guest

To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <296.1203.uupcb@moondog.com> donald.davis@moondog.com (Donald Davis) writes:

>LW>Sunday at 6:00pm EST on the Talk America Network in 23 cities and via
>LW>satellite on Spacenet 3, Transponder 9, 6.8 audio. And it goes LIVE on
>LW>July 31, 1994 in Chicago on WKTA, 1330am.

>LW>73, Len, KB7LPW

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>Len

>I would love to listen to your show but no way in the NYC area.

>Unless I'm just missing it or don't have the proper information?

>

>Don Davis N2RHB

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>. QMPro 1.0 41-6392 . WhatIAmIsWhatIAmAreYouWhatYouAreOrWhat?

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This is also hold true in the San Francisco Area. It sure would be nice if you would list the 23 cities and radio stations call letters?

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| INTERNET: pineapp@netcom.com      (DC436)      | Daniel Curry  WB6STW      |  
| AMPRNET  : dan@wb6stw.ampr.org    [44.4.20.144] | E:-) Ham Radio Operator |  
| AX.25    : wb6stw@n0ary.#NOCAL.CA.USA.NA      | Redwood City, CA USA    |  
'-----+-----'
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Date: 24 Jul 1994 05:28:49 GMT

From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!usc!nic-nac.CSU.net!vfoao0ix@network.ucsd.edu

Subject: Can you identify this call sign? - 'NMN'

To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

kirk@hitachi.com wrote:

> In article <30coje\$k3e@ionews.io.org>, <mike@io.org> writes:

> > Path:

> hitachi.com!psinntp!psinntp!rutgers!newsserver.jvnc.net!howland.reston.ans.net!

> agate!library.ucla.edu!psgrain!nntp.cs.ubc.ca!torn!uunet.ca!uunet.ca!io.org!nob

> ody

> > From: mike@io.org (Mike Stramba)

> > Newsgroups: rec.radio.amateur.misc

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> > Subject: Can you identify this call sign? - 'NMN'
> > Date: 18 Jul 1994 02:15:10 -0000
> > Organization: Internex Online (io.org) Data: 416-363-4151 Voice:
> 416-363-8676
> > Lines: 16
> > Message-ID: <30coje$k3e@ionews.io.org>
> > NNTP-Posting-Host: io.org
> >
> >
> > This morning at around 3:00 a.m. e.d.t, I heard on 12.71xx MHZ:
> >
> >   cq cq cq de nmnmnmnmnmn qru? k
> >
> > Any idea of who/what 'nmn' is? .. or where I could find out?
> >
> > I tried the callsign server at electra.cs.buffalo.edu, but got
> > 'no references'.
> >
> > Mike
> > --
> > =====
> > Mike Stramba      Email: mike@io.org
> > Toronto,Canada    Internex Online - Toronto, Canada (416) 363-3783
> > =====

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> Sounds like a Navtex signal or something similar.

> Kirk

I am not familiar with the specific station, NMN, but it is undoubtedly a US Navy (because its call sign starts with N) CW ship-to-shore station. There are hundreds of such stations around the world, both government and commercial (e.g., WLO). They typically listen on the marine CW frequencies for ships to call them and then pass traffic. While idling, they just send messages like you heard but frequently you will hear them sending messages like CQ CQ CQ de xxx QXX 4 6 8 12 22, meaning the station is listening on the standard calling frequency in each of the 4, 6, 8, 12, and 22 MHz ship-shore bands. Or you might hear a station sending lists of call letters of ships for whom they have traffic.

I don't have a table of frequencies here at home so can't give you exact info. If you really want to know, I could look up some examples the next time I get to the SS Lane Victory (a WWII Victory ship that is maintained as a working museum). I am in the radio group on the ship (I sailed as a Radio Officer during WWII) and we have all of the lists there (4 2-inch books!)

Of course, now, most ships no longer use CW but communicate via satellites

of digital modes like SITOR.

Hope this helps.

Saul WA6VEN syochelson@huey.csun.edu or 70413.3145@compuserve.com

Date: Sun, 24 Jul 1994 06:38:54 GMT
From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!library.ucla.edu!csulb.edu!csus.edu!netcom.com!
slay@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: CT:Re: Returning to Amateur Radio...YMA>Message-ID: <30qk5t
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

: Supermorse is the way to go. This program uses the modern
: convention for learning the code by sending each character at
: about 20 WPM and varying speed by changing the space between
: characters. For example, if code is being sent at 5 WPM or
: at 20 WPM, the characters themselves always sound exactly the
: same, only the space between characters changes.

This "modern convention" has been around quite awhile and is called
the "Farnsworth" method. It is the superior way to learn code IMHO.
Of the three or four different DOS/Mac programs I've seen or used,
ALL of them have the capability to use either the convention (old)
method, or the Farnsworth method.

FYI
73 de Sandy
WA6BXH/7J1ABV slay@netcom.com

Date: Sat, 23 Jul 94 10:16:00 -0800
From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!agate!iat.holonet.net!alley.com!john.hiatt@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: Greetings
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Greetings Joe, I finally received my license monday, July 18. It was
approximately a 13 week wait. I am now KC7DRI. I have been having a lot
of fun on 2 meters already. I am using a HT converted to mobile when I am
working(pizza delivery, so I'm in the car alot). It is a HTX-202 HT
running from the car's battery and a mag-mount antenna on top of the
car. I also carry a couple of battery packs and the rubber duck that
came with it. Hope to talk to you again later.

John KC7DRI

* OLX 2.1 TD * Your shoe is ringing.

Date: Sun, 24 Jul 1994 08:02:01 GMT
From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!library.ucla.edu!csulb.edu!csus.edu!netcom.com!
longyear@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: HEATHKIT radio clock and Linux?
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

zaphod@madnix.uucp (Ron Bean) writes:

> Obviously the clock/receiver must convert the bitstream into
> something a UART can understand. This may be raw data or it may
> be converted into some more useful format; you'd have to ask
> Heathkit.
>
> The data format for WWVB is different from both WWV and DCF77.
> The cheapest receiver I've found for WWVB costs about \$700, even
> though it should be easier to receive and demodulate than WWV.
>
> I've sent a letter to Heathkit, but I haven't received a reply
> yet. I've heard that the clock is still being made-- how much
> does it cost?

The Heathkit output is true RS-232-C serial, 1200 BPS, 8 data bits,
no parity, 1 stop bit. It sends the time as a series of ascii digit
characters.

The kit is no longer being offered. Heath stopped offering kits some
years back. The last that I heard, the clock was still being offered
as a completed unit from Zenith.

(The completed clock, around the time that the kit was being
offered for \$130, was \$400. The kit was a nice week project and it works
quite well still.)

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Al Longyear longyear@netcom.com

Date: Sun, 24 Jul 94 01:20:21 -0500
From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!agate!howland.reston.ans.net!noc.near.net!news2.near.net!
news.delphi.com!usenet@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: Help! Anyone talk to Seronga, Botswana?

To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Hi everybody.

Sorry, I don't know if this is the right place to post a message such as this; I don't spend much time in this part of the 'net.

I could really use some assistance if anyone could help. The situation is this: A friend of mine is a Peace Corps volunteer in Seronga, Botswana. There aren't any phones there and mail takes a month or more to arrive. I got a call from her yesterday (Friday, July 23) and was supposed to call her back in Maun at a number she'd provided, in order to give her some information she desperately needed. Problems prevented me from calling at the time, and when I finally got through she was gone.

Is there anyone out there who is in touch with anyone at or near Seronga who'd be willing to relay a message? It would help A LOT, and I would be tremendously grateful for any assistance or advice provided.

Thank you very much,

David B. Livingstone

Date: Sun, 24 Jul 1994 08:21:25 GMT
From: ncar!csn!col.hp.com!news.dtc.hp.com!hpscit.sc.hp.com!cupnews0.cup.hp.com!
stefanis@ames.arpa
Subject: long waits for a long time
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Well since everyone is talking about how long s/he had to wait or is waiting. I guess I through my story in too. I took my test in early September of 92 I got my ticket in Late December (92). The real funny thing is that my soon to be wife took her test in late November, 200 mile south of me, and she got her ticket at the same time, but canonically sooner. She is KD6POZ and I am KD6PTD. So it would seem that it has something to do with the VE you go with.

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| Integrated | /---/ | Nick Stefanisko [KD6PTD] |
| Systems | HEWLETT/hp/PACKARD | stefanis@hp-ptp.ptp.hp.com |
| Division | /___/ | Sunnyvale, California, USA |

Opinions expressed here are not those of my employer; only my fingers are to blame.

Date: Sun, 24 Jul 1994 04:54:04 GMT
From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!usc!nic-nac.CSU.net!charnel.ecst.csuchico.edu!rat!zeus!
morse.elee.calpoly.edu!trasmuss@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: SUNSHINE EPROM Programmer - software needed
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

I purchased a used EPROM programmer at a ham radio swapmeet. The program file that came with it on disk is corrupted.

The programmer unit has the name "SUNSHINE" on it. It has a card that fits inside an IBM PC slot and a separate unit that has ZIF sockets for the EPROMS that connects to the card with a ribbon cable. The program that I need is called UPP512.EXE.

If you have a copy of this program, or know where I could get a copy, please let me know. I would greatly appreciate it.

Thor Rasmussen (N6FNP)
trasmuss@morse.calpoly.edu
(408) 655-9999

Date: Sun, 24 Jul 1994 06:01:18 GMT
From: news.Hawaii.Edu!kahuna!jeffrey@ames.arpa
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

References <30coje\$k3e@ionews.io.org>, <1994Jul22.185650.18742@hitachi.com>, <30su6h\$501@nic-nac.CSU.net>>∞
Subject : Re: Can you identify this call sign? - 'NMN'

In article vfoao0ix@huey.csun.edu (saul yochelson) writes:
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Coast Guard

I thought I answered this query 2 weeks ago when it first appeared.

I'm starting to think that the default expiration date on all articles should be 48 hours rather than 2 weeks. Opinions?

NH6IL jeffrey@math.hawaii.edu

Date: (null)

From: (null)

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Robert Garland

Date: Sun, 24 Jul 1994 05:50:23 GMT

From: news.Hawaii.Edu!kahuna!jeffrey@ames.arpa

To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

References <30m19p\$1sb@news.u.washington.edu>,
<774847822.51snx@n2ayj.overleaf.com>, <1994Jul23.113217.33@alison.sbc.edu>

Subject : Re: Did someone say . . . bolus ?

In article <1994Jul23.113217.33@alison.sbc.edu> grimm@alison.sbc.edu (Kenneth Grimm) writes:

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>Also, wasn't the "A" prefix also a military indicator?

Yes. The Army and Air Force use 'A' calls; Navy, Coast Guard, and Marine Corps use the 'N' calls.

Jeff NH6IL (oh how I wish I would have kept my old call: WA6QIJ)
jeffrey@math.hawaii.edu

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